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SUBJECT: COSOFAM MEETINGS IN DEPARTMENT

REF: STATE 145584

1. EMBASSY HAS CHECKED WITH TWO HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION ON THE STATUS OF COSOFAM. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL INDICATED THAT COSOFAM (COMMITTEE OF FAMILIES OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS IN ARGENTINA) IS A HARD WORKING, PROFESSIONAL, HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION WITH BROAD SUPPORT IN THE ARGENTINE EXILE COMMUNITY. SHE ADDED THAT COSOFAM HAS CLOSE LINKS WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT MANY MEMBERS OF COSOFAM HAVE RELATIVES IN THE MONTONEROS. ANOTHER HUMAN RIGHTS CONTACT WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH COSOFAM BUT OFFERED TO DEVELOP INFORMATION DURING A JUNE 10 DEMONSTRATION HELD BY THE ARGENTINE EXILE COMMUNITY IN MEXICO CITY. EMBASSY WILL RELAY ANY OTHER INFO DEVELOPED NEXT WEEK.

2. COMMENT: IN THE ABSENCE OF DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON THE WOMEN THEMSELVES, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT MEMBERSHIP OF THEIR RELATIVES IN THE MONTONEROS SHOULD
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INHIBIT THE GRANTING OF APPOINTMENTS WITH HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIALS. SUCH A PRECEDENT COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR RAPPORT WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS AND THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR POLICY. LUCEY

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